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Applicant(s): Schechter, et al. Examiner: Alex B. Toy
 Serial No.: 10/712,486 Group: Art Unit 3739
 Filed: November 13, 2003 Dated: February 21, 2007
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 OUTPUT ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION

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- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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